



## Magnuson Park Wetland, Habitat and Athletic Field Development Project

### PROJECT ADVISORY TEAM MEETING

Tuesday, December 20, 2005 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Magnuson Park Building #30 Conference Room

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#### **Attendance:**

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**Public:** (1) Marina Skumanich-Seattle Audubon 527-8243 Ext. 14; (2) Ellen Aaguard-Pedestrian, Cyclist & Neighbor 527-9302; (3) Peggy Printz-FOMP 713-5500; (4) Garrett Farrell-Seattle Parks; (5) Vance Thompson-FOMP; (6) Lynda Deyo-MESA; (7) Bonnie Miller-HHCC.

### **Meeting Summary (Draft)**

1. Park staff Jainga welcomed everyone to the meeting. The PAT took a moment to introduce themselves to the public who attended the meeting.
2. Public Comments:  
Marina Skumanich-Seattle Audubon; Supports the park, excited about the park's reality and stated the it will be the park for the future and a park for all. Would like road and parking lot removed as part of phase 2.  
Ellen Aaguard-Pathways for our Parks. Submitted a letter she wrote that expressed four major points. 1-Build Good Habits with Good Design, 2-New facilities will increase traffic park wide—make sure we have the pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure to handle the increased hazards. 3-Address the need for pedestrians and cycles – friendly signage. 4-Conduct a walking audit.
3. Peggy Printz-FOMP; Supports removal of asphalt and keep per trails map.
4. Vance Thompson-FOMP; grading at boat launch area for the wind surfers, what happen? Would like to know.
5. Lynda Deyo-MESA; Supports moving the 5<sup>th</sup> field closer to edge to create more wetland areas.
6. Bonnie Miller-HHCC; Thanks the PAT for their work. Two Comments, 1-Trails for pedestrians and bikes, can use it in phase 2 and 2-when phase 2 is completed, that it looks finished with the council approved fields and lights.
7. Lynn Ferguson-PAT; Comments, People are parking at Sports Meadow to walk their dogs! Remove parking lot and asphalt road to expand the wetlands.

8. Wetland Plant Community and Wetland Impacts.

Dyanne explained different points of wetland impacts for Phase 2. Explained that the wetland permit equals the square foot of wetland impacts related to the site development. Explained that the design team is saving groves of trees as part of the design and also explained that by not touching areas may lower water levels during the mitigations. Developed wetland zones throughout the site. An estimate of 6.36 ac of wetland impact is the maximum level of impact for Phase 2 and approximately 5.79 ac is the direct impact for Phase 2. This creates 9.41 ac of new wetland for Phase 2.

Habitat comments regarding different types of birds. Dyanne explained that we will have better and different kinds of birds throughout these new wetland areas. One wetland is driven by storm water like frog pond and the other is driven by the water supply out fall from Fisheries.

Dyanne explained the assessing the function of the wetlands is ten years out and went on to explain that right now, we are about 3/4 acre short on mitigation. She explained the we must make the ratio work and where do we start shaving?

9. Tom-question regarding two tree varieties.

10. Bob-question regarding the total wetland acreage? Guy responded that the total wetland acres is about 16 acres and is working on the final total.

11. Lynn-concerns about frog pond during construction and monitoring. Dyanne responded that we are required by the federal laws to monitor the wetlands for ten years and City Council is requiring us to monitor the site as well. We all will be watching the site during the construction phases.

12. Dyanne mentioned that the city is working on some wetland grants from King County that is worth \$50,000. The grant has requirement involving citizen support.

13. Dyanne also explained to the PAT that the City, State and Federal Agencies all must say yes! In order to approve the wetland permit for Phase 2.

14. Ellen Aagaard's Letter to the PAT. Comments for Magnuson Park Project Advisory Team Meeting  
December 20, 2005 (Phase II planning)

I am Ellen Aagaard, a frequent Magnuson Park user, neighbor, and avid pedestrian and cyclist. I am here today to find out more about the sports field and wetlands development plans and to advocate for excellent pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure as an integral part of those plans. (Pathways for our Park!) I ask you to consider the following :

1. Because when people get out of the habit of walking or cycling as their means of transportation to or within a geographic area it is much harder to get them started again, maintain pedestrian (and bicycle, where applicable) access through the project area for as long as possible. When existing pedestrian trails are the last thing to close...and new trails the first thing to open you maximize the amount of non-motorized transportation use associated with that new project or facility and reduce both traffic and parking within the park. You also help to maintain designated trail structure, as pedestrians will otherwise create their own short cuts, creating "web trails" which are then difficult to erase and difficult to stop use on. This seems particularly important given the "phased in" nature of Phase II planning. We want to make sure that the development of the first four sportsfields give us an accurate picture of exactly how much vehicle traffic we can expect from additional sportsfields and of how well we can mitigate that increased traffic with good pedestrian and bicycle facilities.

2. The new sports fields (and, when open, our lovely new sports meadow!) will bring significantly increased traffic both through the 74th street entrance and down 65th. The north-south crossing of 74th within the park, to reach the newly renovated Northshore Recreation Area, already poses a significant pedestrian and cyclist hazard, particularly for kids who bike to Sail Sand Point programs during the summer. The lack of sidewalk or trail along 65th street east of sportsfield drive poses another consistent safety hazard for pedestrians. Both of these need to be addressed in the first phase of sportsfield development, particularly as the lit sportsfields will bring many more cars along 65th and through the 74th street entrance after dark, a particularly hazardous time for pedestrians walking without sidewalks or trail.

Current long-term plans include many paths for recreational walking within the park, but we also want people to be able to walk (and cycle) for transportation between different destinations within the park. Pedestrians and cyclists choose the shortest distance between points, because the correlation between distance and travel time is so strong for these transportation modes. The paved waterfront path/beach is a primary pedestrian destination in the park, and you will have pedestrians trying to reach it along 65th street because that is the closest route for them.

What plans do you have for providing safe pedestrian access along 65th to the waterfront? What plans for providing safe pedestrian access from the 74th street entrance to the cross-park trail? And what plans for providing safe pedestrian and bicycle crossing of 74th street east of the guard station in order to access the North Shore by foot?

3. Address the need for pedestrian- and cyclist-friendly signage, including mileage, at all four pedestrian and bicycle entry points (65th, 70th, 74th and 77th) as well as at trail intersections and entry points. When pedestrians and cyclists can figure out how to get through the park easily, and have an accurate sense of how far their destination is, they are more likely to remain on foot or on bicycle and less likely to drive. Good signs provide one of the simplest and most cost effective ways to increase non-motorized transportation use to and within the park. (Some examples of excellent trail signage: Discovery Park trail posts; Fort Flagler's trail posts tied in with maps; aerial photo marking trail and ecosystem designations at Union Bay; Genessee Park restoration information and trail signage)

4. Conduct a walking audit with park planners and administrators, neighbors, SDOT, representatives from various facilities and programs housed in Magnuson Park (including Mountaineers), and other community members. I see this as a particularly good way to address some of the connectivity issues surrounding getting people **to as well as through** the park on foot. Feet First does a marvelous job leading such walking audits and also provides a beautiful, thorough and very usable report. I would be happy to help organize a walking audit of Magnuson Park; my "business card" (courtesy of my kids!) is attached.

Thank you so much for your time; I look forward to working more with you in the future on Pathways for our Park!

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**Additional Information is Available:**

- <http://www.seattle.gov/parks/proparks/projects/spmpFields.htm>
- <http://www.seattle.gov/parks/proparks/projects/SPMPWetlands.htm>
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